

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 7, 13, and 23 are amended and claims 3, 9, and 15 are canceled herein. Claim 20 was previously canceled. With entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-14, 16-19, and 21-23 will be pending.

Claims 1, 7, and 13 have been amended to include the limitations of depending claims 3, 9, and 15, respectively. Claims 3, 9, and 15 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Accordingly, claims 1, 7, and 13 are submitted as being in proper form for allowance. Claims 2, 4-6, 19, and 21-23, depending from claim 1, claims 8 and 10-12, depending from claim 7, and claims 16-18, depending from claim 13 are also submitted as being in proper form for allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 399-5608.

Respectfully submitted,



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